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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL TIMES INTERVIEW WITH MAKARIOS

1. FINANCIAL TIMES SEPTEMBER 13 CARRIED REPORT OF INTERVIEW
WITH MAKARIOS ON SEPTEMBER 12 BY COMINICK J. COYLE.
MAKARIOS REPORTEDLY MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

2. SURRENDER BY TURKEY OF SOME OF ITS CAPTURED TERRITORY, AND
ANKARA'S AGREEMENT TO STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
WITHIN FEDERAL STRUCTURE COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATED
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT FOR CYPRUS.

3. MAKARIOS DID NOT WISH TO UNDERMINE PRESENT POSITION
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OF CLREIDES, ACTING PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, BUT GREEK

CYPRIOI COMMUNITY WOULD REJECT ANY SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS WHICH MAKARIOS PERSONALLY DID NOT ENDORSE.

4. UK WAS WRONG NOT TO ACT POSITIVELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS ONE OF TREATY GUARANTORS OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING UK DID NOT HAVE REAL DIFFICULTIES IN TERMS OF ANY MILITARY ACTION AT TIME OF TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS, WHITEALL SHOULD NOW BE TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN MARSHALLING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AGAINST CONTINUED TURKISH OCCUPATION. SPECIFICALLY, UK SHOULD TAKE LEAD AT FORTHCOMING UNGA TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR GREEK CYPRIOI POSITION, RATHER THAN LEAVE THIS TASK TO THE CYPRUS DELEGATION UNDER MAKARIOS' LEADERSHIP.

5. MAKARIOS, AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, WILL SPEAK BEFORE UNGA AND EXPECTS TO HAVE TALKS WITH DR. KISSINGER WHILE IN U.S. MEANWHILE HE IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO GENERATE SUPPORT INTERNATIONALLY FOR GREEK CYPRIOI CASE IN ADVANCE OF UNGA. HE LEAVES LONDON NEXT WEEK TO VISIT ALGERIA, BULGARIA, AND EGYPT.

6. COYLE COMMENTS THAT ARCHBISHOP CLEARLY UNDER INCREASING ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESSURE TO ACCEPT, AS BASIS FOR NEW CYPRUS PEACE TALKS, PRESENT DE FACTO POSITION IN WHICH TURKISH FORCES CONTROL ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF ISLAND. THIS HE REJECTS, CLAIMING IT WOULD AMOUNT TO VIRTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF PARTITION SETTLEMENT IN ADVANCE OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS.

7. WHILE REFUSING TO BE DRAWN OUT ON ANY SPECIFIC SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS, MAKARIOS INDICATED UNILATERAL SURRENDER OF SOME CAPTURED TERRITORY BY TURKEY COULD LEAD TO EVENTUAL SOLUTION, AS IT WOULD REPRESENT TANGIBLE GAIN BY GREEK CYPRIOI SIDE, WHICH HAS REAL NEGOTIATING CARDS IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

8. FINALLY, COYLE NOTES THAT ARCHBISHOP'S PLAN TO ATTEND UNGA AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS IS BOUND TO COMPLICATE EXISTING POSITION OF CLERIDES. CYPRUS WILL APPEAR TO HAVE TWO PRESIDENTS ALMOST THREE MONTHS AFTER JULY 15 COUP, A SITUATION WHICH MAY WELL LEAD TO TURKISH CHALLENGE TO

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